

Capsule Summary
SM-755
Harmony Hills Farm
Valley Lee vicinity
Private

circa 1920

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-755

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Harmony Hills Farm

other

2. Location

street and number 45432 Drayden Road not for publication

city, town Valley Lee vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name J. Howard and Sandra Hixson

street and number PO Box 193 telephone N/a

city, town Valley Lee state Md zip code 20692

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-61, P-81

city, town Leonardtown liber MRB 440, MRB 279 folio 59/19

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located on top of a hill beside Drayden Road near Valley Lee, Maryland is Harmony Hill Farm. The main farmhouse, situated close to the road, is oriented on a north/south axis and resides in the midst of a 35.43 acre farm. Only the one acre immediately around the house was surveyed. The property is bounded by wooded parcels to the west, north, and east with Drayden Road lying to the south. A number of mature deciduous and evergreen trees partially buffer the house from passing traffic. The main drive to the house is accessed via a dirt road that extends northeast from the main road.

The house itself is a stately two story, three bay, frame house constructed circa 1920. Standing on a masonry foundation, the house is clad with vinyl siding and the gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. An exterior end brick chimney is visible on the west side of the house and an interior chimney flue pierces the roof.

The primary or south elevation is pierced on the first floor by a centrally located glazed and panelled door flanked by glazed sidelights. To either side of the doorway lie paired six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. All of these bays are shaded by a porch punctuated by four Tuscan columns that are interspersed with a plain balustrade. The second floor is pierced by three symmetrically placed six-over-six windows. Another window lies above the central bay of the second floor. Situated in the middle of a prominent cross gable, this six-over-six window lights the attic story. It is further accentuated by cornice returns.

Other elevation were not investigated. Other resources may exist on the extended farm property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Due to the repetitive nature of the building form and the presence of other, better preserved examples, no further documentation is recommended.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>1 acre around house</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>35.43 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Piney Point</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by wooded parcels to the west, north, and east with Drayden Road lying to the south. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber MRB 440, Folio 59 and Liber MRB 279, Folio 19.

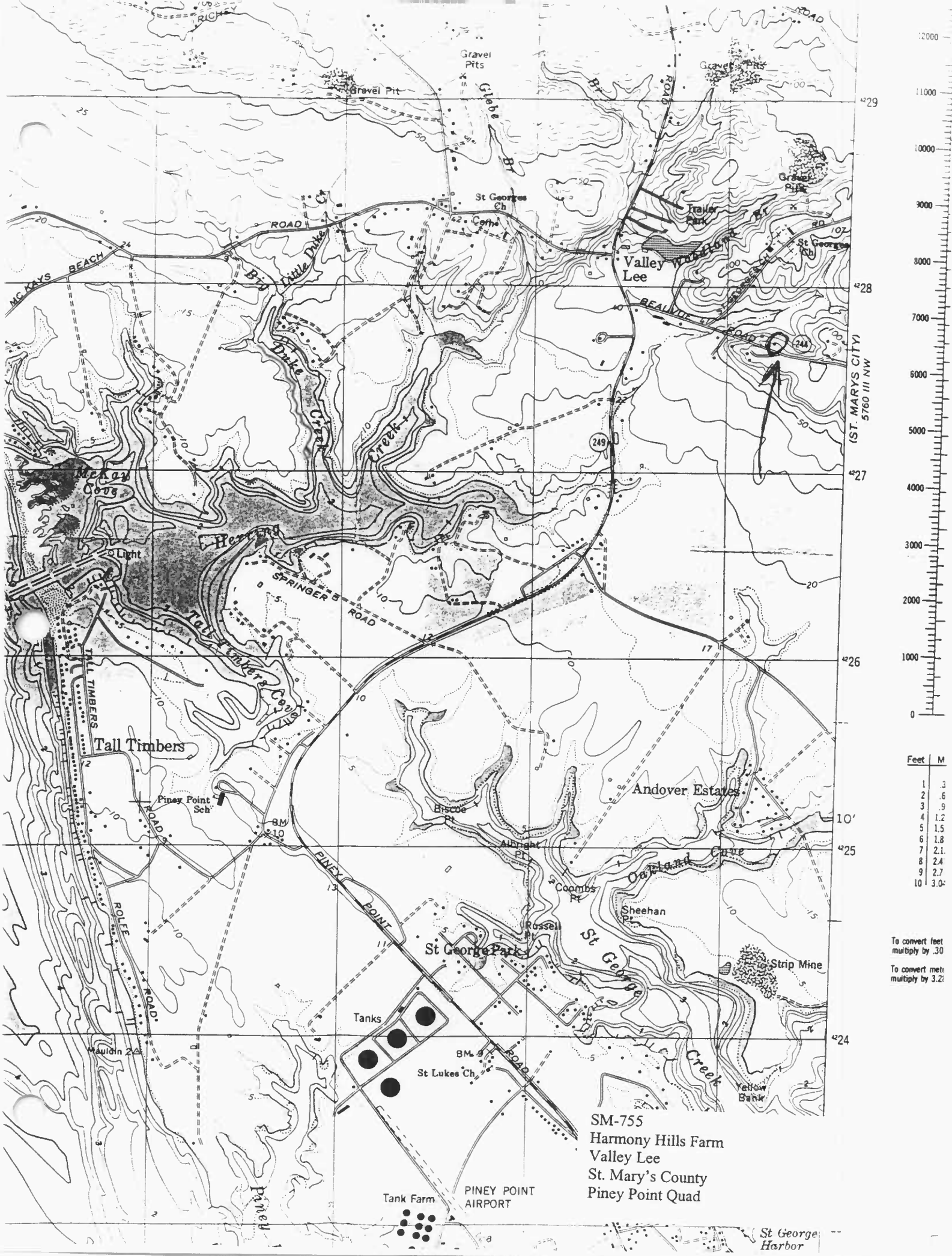
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Feet	M
1	.3
2	.6
3	.9
4	1.2
5	1.5
6	1.8
7	2.1
8	2.4
9	2.7
10	3.0

To convert feet
multiply by .30
To convert meters
multiply by 3.28

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Piney Point Quad

St George
Harbor



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St. Mary's County

Kirk Ranzetta

July/00

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